

MINUTES OF PHILLIPS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, January 19, 2015

- I. The Phillips Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Baratka at 6:02 pm in the 6-12 Learning Center. The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- II. Present: Adolph, Baratka, Distin, Krog, Pesko, Rose (Left 7:25 pm) Willett , and Student Liaison Otto. Absent: Marlenga and Rodewald. Administration present: Morgan, Theder, Hoogland, Scholz and Lemke. Others: Staff and community.
- III. President Baratka stated that public notice of the meeting was properly posted according to Wisconsin Statute 19.84(4). Notice was posted at all school-owned buildings, the School District of Phillips' website, and The Price County Review.
- IV. Public Participation
 - A. Jill Arndt and Bob Hladish announced that they will be giving a donation of \$1,000 from the proceeds of JonesFest. an annual music festival fundraising event held over Labor Day weekend. They will coordinate a time with Justin Lindgren to present the check.
 - B. Stephen Willett expressed concern about how we are going to meet the goals of Common Core. He sees many districts proposing changes to schedules and curriculum. He also expressed concern over the lack of information on our district website.
 - C. Rick Morgan reported on the recent bus accident. No students were on the bus at the time of the accident. Our driver reacted well in a bad situation and is doing fine. The bus should be back in commission within two weeks. As this is the only vehicle with a lift, we are extending a parent transportation contract in the interim.
- V. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - A. Principal Report – PhMS/PH
 1. Students of the month for PhMS are Logan Bjork (6), Justin Polacek (7) and Makayla Kosmer (8), and at PHS Jeff Mabie (11) and Savannah Soul (12).
 - B. Principal Report - PES
 1. Students of the month for PES are James Vollendorf (2) and Molly Novak (5).
 - C. Pupil Services Report – Vicki Lemke
 1. We recently completed our 2nd STAR testing for math and reading. We are aiming for 80% proficiency in both subjects. We are improving towards that goal.
 2. We have had one speech/language pathologist for many years. In 2009-2010 we did hire another pathologist at 16% time to help with case loads. While the number of students in the district is decreasing, the special education population remains about the same, many of them being young speech/language students. A recommendation will be brought to business services in February and forwarded to the board next month.
 - D. Superintendent Report - Rick Morgan
 1. To date, we have not needed to use the contingency funds from our Act 32 energy efficiency project. The facilities committee will meet and begin looking at some potential projects that meet the requirements of Act 32 and can be included in the scope of this loan.
 - E. Financial Manager Quarterly Report - Leah Theder

Year-to-date expenditures as of December 31, 2014 were \$3,153,893.12 (37.08% of budget) and revenues were \$1,206,036.19 (14.08% of budget). The total cash available was \$725,931.77. Fund 49 Balance was \$1,142,949.22. No line of credit has been used this fiscal year.

- F. Student Liaison Otto expressed concern over the website stating items are outdated and hard to locate. We need to be using the website to its potential. In addition, Otto attended the nutrition committee meeting and learned a lot about the current changes being made in school lunch policy. She thought it would be good to send emails out to the student body when changes are made so they understand.
- F. Policy Committee met on January 14, 2015. Policy 662 Technical Excellence Scholarship (TES), 761 Free or Reduced Price Meal Eligibility, and 761.1 National School Lunch Program/Verification are being forwarded for second readings.
- H. Business Services committee met on January 15, 2015. The board members met privately with Lynn Lutz from Eagle Audit and Accounting. She was very pleased with the way the audit went this year. Also discussed was the new Fund 46 that has been established for long-term capital improvements. The facilities committee will begin looking into the 10-year plan requirement and report back to the board. Bus drivers are recording their hours and compensation will be discussed again next month.
- I. Nutrition Committee met on January 14, 2015 to discuss new DPI guidelines for school wellness policy. Changes will be made to the staff wellness portion of the policy. Juice machine guidelines were also discussed. Dale Houdek talked about the Security Health grant that is available and how to tie it in with student wellness. Board members had questions about the federal school lunch program and what it would cost to opt out of the program.

VI. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Ameresco representative gave the monthly report on the projects. The lighting project is in the construction stage and is 45% complete at this time. Crews are working three 12-hour days per week to take advantage of before and after school time to work in classrooms. Pool lights are schedule to arrive this week. The burner replacement project is complete and working well. The automation controls project is 20% complete with the design stage completed, materials have been shipped and stored off-site, ready for installation. On-site work will begin in February. Construction on the roof over the kitchen and auditorium areas will resume next spring after school is done. Ameresco estimates that the lighting and burner efficiency will result in a construction period savings of \$3,500.
- B. Northwoods Players presented a band pit wall proposal to the board. NWP will be paying for the total project. All planning has included Dave Berens and Justin Lindgren. Motion (Distin/Willett) to approve construction of the band pit wall. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Principal Hoogland proposed that the calendars for the next two years be formatted using the current calendar with minor changes to accommodate scheduled activities. Motion (Willett/Adolph) to approve calendar format. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. Principal Hoogland proposed a modified block high school schedule that would include two 50-minute hours followed by three blocks (90, 81, and 81-minute) and a 27-minute intervention period at the end of the day. Motion (Krog/Adolph) to approve the modified block schedule as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Motion (Willett/Krog) to approve following consent items. Motion carried 6-0.

- A. Approve minutes from December 15, 2014 regular board meeting.
- B. Approved personnel report - continued recruitment of bus route drivers, PES custodian and world language teacher.
- C. Approval of bills from December 2014 (#337972 - 338198 and wires) for \$776,660.19.

VIII. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Items for discussion include Ameresco report, speech/language pathologist recommendation, and bus driver compensation.

IX. Motion (Willett/Adolph) to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Rodewald, Clerk
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